

To better protect your home or business from possible flooding, the following tips are suggested...

- Familiarize yourself with flood warning signs and community alert signals.
- Plan an evacuation route that avoids areas that might be prone to flooding. Anticipate heavy traffic.
- Keep disaster supplies available and on hand
 - Flashlights and extra batteries
 - Portable battery-operated radio (extra batteries) tuned to a local station, and follow emergency instructions
 - First aid kit, basic medicines, etc.
 - Bottled water & non-perishable food
 - Non-electric can opener
 - Essential medications
 - Cash and credit cards
 - Night flares
- Develop a plan for getting back together if the family becomes separated. (Ask someone out-of-state to serve as a family contact since it is usually easier to call long distance during a local crisis. Be sure that everyone knows the name, address, and phone number of the contact person.)
- Show all family members how to turn off electricity, water, and gas.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF A FLOOD WATCH....

- Follow local radio and TV news for storm information.
- Secure/remove outdoor belongings, patio furniture, pets, etc.
- Store/move valuable possessions to upper floors or to safer ground.
- **In the event an evacuation order is issued, turn off all utilities from the main switch and shut off the gas main.**

IF FLOODING IS EMINENT...

- Tune in a battery-operated radio or TV to follow emergency information.
- Prepare emergency supplies.
- Review contingency plans and how to re-establish contact.
- Prepare to evacuate.

IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN A FLOOD...

- Leave home early enough to avoid heavy traffic and/or becoming marooned from flooded roads.
- Climb to the highest ground and stay there in the event you become entrapped by a flood.
- Never walk through floodwaters. Never drive your car through a flooded area. If your car stalls, leave it immediately seeking higher ground. Attempting to save a stalled vehicle can result in death.